However, there are women in all the Central Police Forces in some other cadres like nursing medical, ministerial etc.

The RAF which is a part of CRPF is also provided to the State Governments for riot control duties.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) In the jobs suitable for the women in Central Police Forces, the Government is not against recruiting more women provided they meet the eligibility criteria and get selected on merit.

Communal riots in Gujarat

*30. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN :
SHRI NILOTPAL BASU :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of incidents of communal riots that took place in Gujarat after Gujarat carnage;

(b) the causes responsible for the recurrence of these incidents in Gujarat; and

(c) what steps are being taken to ensure peace and communal harmony in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (c) As per available information 112 communal incidents resulting in killing of 12 persons occurred in Gujarat during the period January-October, 2003 as compared to 134 incidents claiming 977 lives during 2002. The State Government has informed that the causative factors responsible for the incidents during the current year are of trivial nature like altercation between members of two communities over playing of cricket near a temple, escalation of personal disputes, people misled by rumours spread by anti-social elements on arrest of criminals, etc.

The State Government has reported that various measures are being taken by them in order to maintain peace and communal harmony. These include deployment of additional forces in the affected areas, quick and stern handling of incidents, supervision of the *bandobast* arrangement and mobile patrolling by senior police officers and District Magistrates, preventive arrests, holding of Peace Committee and Mohalla Committee

meetings, confidence building measures involving members of both communities, village elders etc., establishment of police points and pickets in sensitive areas etc.

The Union Government has also issued comprehensive guidelines to promote communal harmony to all the States and Union Territories. These contain steps to be taken with regard to prevention of communal riots, provision for relief/rehabilitation to the victims, effective utilization of Peace Committee mechanism in defusing the communal tension, restoration of normalcy in the affected areas, etc.

Policemen killed during naxalite activities

†*31. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that naxalite activities have increased manifold in the country during recent days;

(b) the details of naxalities and policemen killed State-wise and year-wise during last five years; and

(c) the year-wise and State-wise details of the amount disbursed as compensation to the family members of policemen killed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) Yes, Sir. Naxalite violence has increased in the current year with 1332 incidents/431 deaths upto October 31 as against 1079 incidents/368 deaths in the corresponding period last year.

(b) State-wise data on the number of policemen and naxalites killed during the last 5 years is as under :—

Policemen killed

States	1998	1999	2000	2001	20022003 (Oct., 31)	
Andhra Pradesh	35	37	30	39	12	12
Bihar	20	51	39	24	6	24
Jharkhand	*	*	*	46	63	12
Madhya Pradesh	27	6	26	–	–	–

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.